AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a part for an optical fiber connector, the method comprising the steps of:

electroforming a metal on a wire used as a mother mold with the wire stretched to make the wire into a rod-shaped portion formed by electroformed metal,

forming grooves of V-shaped cross-section by using one of a lathe and grinder such that portions of the wire remain on the rod-shaped portion formed by the electroformed metal at intervals to form groove portions,

breaking the groove portions,

drawing the wire, and

machining the rod-shaped portion formed by the electroformed metal to adjust at least a length and diameter of the rod.

2. (Original) The method of manufacturing a part for an optical fiber connector according to claim 1, wherein one wire is used.

3. (Original) The method of manufacturing a part for an optical fiber connector according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of wires are used.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of manufacturing a part for an optical fiber connector according to claim 1, wherein the step of electroforming includes the step of electroforming a metal on a wire having ~~for~~ a multi-core ~~type~~ shape using cross-sections of the wire other than a circular cross-section.

5. (Previously presented) The method of manufacturing a part for an optical fiber connector according to claim 1, wherein the wire is made from metal.

6. (Previously presented) The method of manufacturing a part for an optical fiber connector according to claim 1, wherein the wire is made from plastic.